



## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments on the proposed revision of the "*BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) Cooperative Agreement application package*." A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the Addresses section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the Addresses section of this notice on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20212. Written comments also may be transmitted by fax to 202-691-5111 (this is not a toll free number.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Kincaid, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number 202-691-7628 (this is not a toll free number.) (See Addresses section.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Secretary of Labor has delegated to the BLS the authority to collect, compile, and analyze statistical data on work-related injuries and illnesses, as authorized by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-596). The Cooperative Agreement is designed to allow the BLS to ensure conformance with program objectives. The BLS has full authority over the financial operations of the statistical program. The existing collection of information allows Federal staff to negotiate the Cooperative Agreement with the State Grant Agencies and monitor their financial and programmatic performance and adherence to administrative requirements imposed by the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR 200) and other grant related regulations. The information collected also is used for planning and budgeting at the Federal level and in meeting Federal reporting requirements. The BLS requires financial reporting that will produce the

information that is needed to monitor the financial activities of the BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics grantees.

The Cooperative Agreement application package being submitted for approval is representative of the package sent every year to state agencies. The work statements included in the Cooperative Agreement application also are representative of what is included in the whole OSHS Cooperative Agreement package. The final Cooperative Agreement, including the work statements, will be submitted separately to the Office of Management and Budget for review of any minor year-to-year information collection burden changes they may contain.

## **II. Current Action**

Office of Management and Budget clearance is being sought for the OSHS Cooperative Agreement application package. Two new forms, the OSHS Budget Variance form and the OSHS Federal Reconciliation Worksheet (FRW-B): Additional Activity to Maintain Currency (AAMC) form, are being included in this application package. The OSHS Budget Variance form will be used to request budget variances, or small movements of funds between the OSHS programs prior to closeout. The OSHS FRW-B: AAMC form will be used to reconcile OSHS AAMC expenditures and obligations as part of the closeout process.

## **III. Desired Focus of Comments**

The BLS is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

*Title of Collection:* BLS Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Cooperative Agreement Application Package.

*OMB Number:* 1220-0149.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

Information Collection	Respondents	Frequency	Responses	Time	Total Hours
BLS-OSHS Work Statements	56	1	56	2 hours	112 hours
BLS-OSHS2	56	4	224	1 hour	224 hours

BLS-OSHS TCF	56	1	56	5-10 minutes	4.7-9.3 hours
OSHS Budget Variance Request Form	0-40	1	0-40	5-25 min.	0-16.7 hours
BLS-OSHS FRW-A: Base Programs	56	1	56	20-30 minutes	18.7-28 hours
BLS-OSHS FRW-B: AAMC	0-10	1	0-10	20-30 minutes	0-5 hours
BLS-OSHS Property Listing	0-56	1	0-56	20-30 minutes	0-28 hours
Total	56		392-498		359.4-423 hours
Average Totals	56		445		391 hours

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

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